

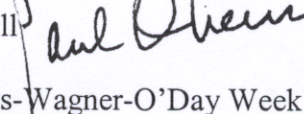


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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TREASURY EMPLOYEES

FROM: Paul H. O'Neill 
SUBJECT: National Javits-Wagner-O'Day Week

For most Treasury employees, October heralds the beginning of a new fiscal year. However, it is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and October 6 through October 14, 2001 is National Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Week. Under the JWOD Program, Government Purchase Card users and acquisition personnel buy supplies and services furnished by nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities.

The theme of this year's National JWOD Week is "Working For America." I am especially proud of our agency's efforts to provide employment and training opportunities for people with severe disabilities through our support of the JWOD Program. Under JWOD, supplies and services purchased by Treasury and other Federal agencies currently generate jobs for over 36,000 Americans who are blind or who have other severe disabilities. A new goal of creating 50,000 jobs under this Governmentwide program has been set, and I ask all Treasury employees to help meet this goal.

In his New Freedom Initiative for people with disabilities President Bush cited the 70% unemployment rate which exists in this population, and he pledged the Administration's commitment to increasing the ability of Americans with disabilities to integrate into the workforce. The major challenges to productive employment of qualified people with disabilities are misperceptions and false assumptions about what people can and cannot do. What people with disabilities **can** do is be productive. Your efforts to utilize JWOD and inform your colleagues about this program will help ensure that Treasury makes an important contribution to President Bush's goal of fulfilling America's promise to Americans with disabilities.

Please learn more about the important role you can play in this program at www.jwod.gov and make a special effort to show your support during its celebration of National JWOD Week, October 6-14.

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